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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELATED DEVELOPMENTS**

**(This report covers the period from  
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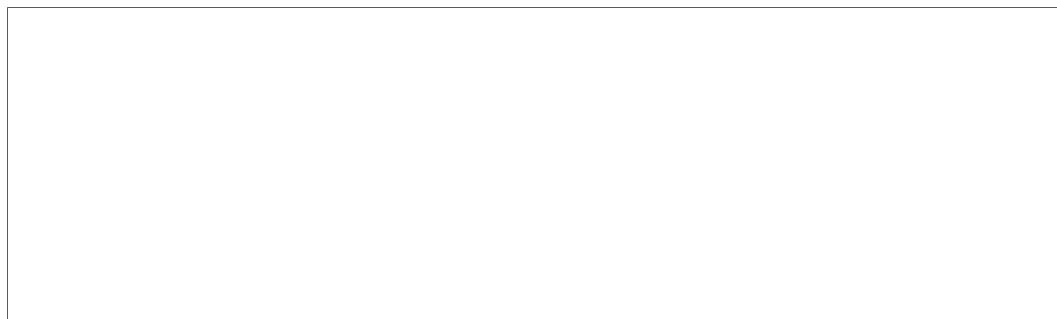
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The Key Points



- North Vietnamese logistic activity was light in the Laos Panhandle and northern South Vietnam, but further preparations were noted in North Vietnam for a resumption of logistic movements down the Ho Chi Minh Trail system.
- Combat activity remained at low levels in both South Vietnam and Laos.

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The Details

NOTE: This is the thirty-third in a series of memoranda summarizing evidence received during the reporting period of (I) Communist efforts to infiltrate new manpower and military materiel toward and into South Vietnam, (II) Communist-initiated combat activity in violation of the Vietnam and Laos settlement agreements, and (III) other developments affecting Communist military capabilities in Indochina.

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I. Infiltration and Redeployments of North Vietnamese Personnel and Military Supplies

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B. Movement of Military Equipment and Supplies

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Laos

8. Logistic activity in the Laos Panhandle was again very light this week. [Redacted]

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[Redacted] Since the dry season will soon begin, the pace of logistic activity will almost certainly increase in the next month or so. [Redacted]

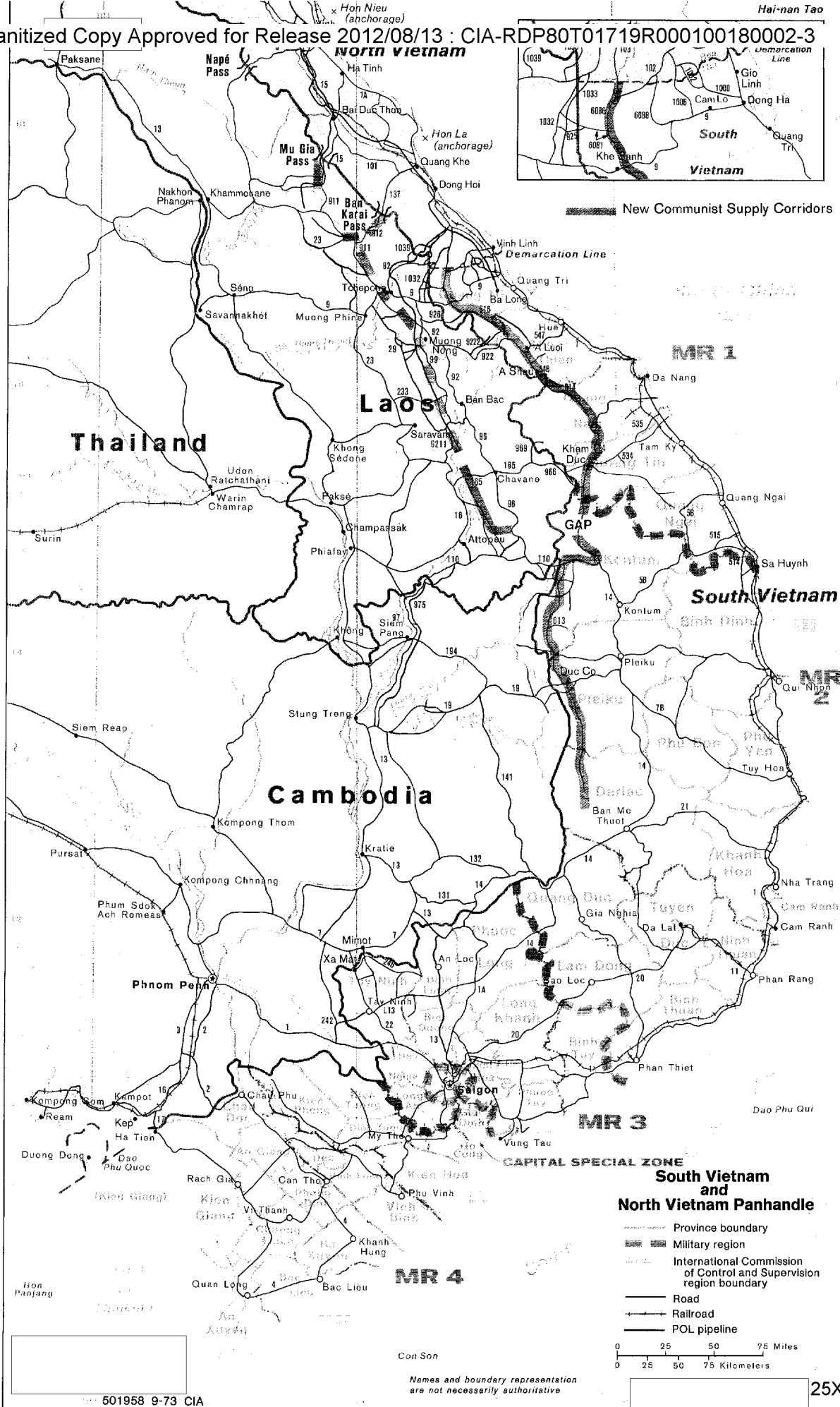
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9. Heavy rains in northern South Vietnam are beginning to take their toll and some NVA units are unable to move supplies.

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Probably as a result of these conditions, very little cargo was detected moving in northern MR 1 during the past week.

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II. Communist-Initiated Combat Activity in South Vietnam and Laos

A. South Vietnam

10. In South Vietnam, the total number of communist-initiated ceasefire violations reported by the South Vietnamese Armed Forces since 27 January, 15 June, and for the last week (3-9 Oct) are shown below:

<u>Military Region</u>	<u>Total Since 27 January Ceasefire</u>		<u>Total Since 15 June Ceasefire</u>		<u>Last Week (3-9 Oct)</u>	
	Major	Minor	Major	Minor	Major	Minor
MR 1	1,343	4,691	318	1,332	27	88
MR 2	533	3,603	269	1,749	11	68
MR 3	552	3,953	150	1,377	3	57
MR 4	1,081	9,658	403	3,492	28	204
Totals	3,509	21,905	1,140	7,950	69 (107)	417 (474) <u>1/</u>

1/ Denotes totals of previous week.

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11. Some of these violations may have been initiated by GVN forces rather than communist forces, and it is impossible in all cases to determine the actual instigator. The table above and the charts on the following pages, however, do show fairly accurately the trend in the amount of combat that has occurred in South Vietnam since the ceasefire. The fact that a combat incident occurred at a particular time and place is generally reported accurately by the South Vietnamese, even though the question of who started it may not always be treated in objective fashion.

B. Laos

12. There was very little military activity in Laos during the past week.

III. Other Developments Affecting Communist Capabilities in Indochina

A. North Vietnam: Fall Induction Phase Ends

13. Hanoi's fall induction campaign which began in early August apparently trailed off and ended in September.

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[redacted] a decline in recruitment in September.

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[redacted] the fall induction drive was substantial. Allowing for a training cycle of 3-4 months plus infiltration time, troops recruited in this, the first significant campaign since the Paris Agreement was signed last January, could not be made available in the southern war zones until the end of this year. If the training cycle has been extended to six months as some recent evidence suggests, the recruits would not be available until early spring.

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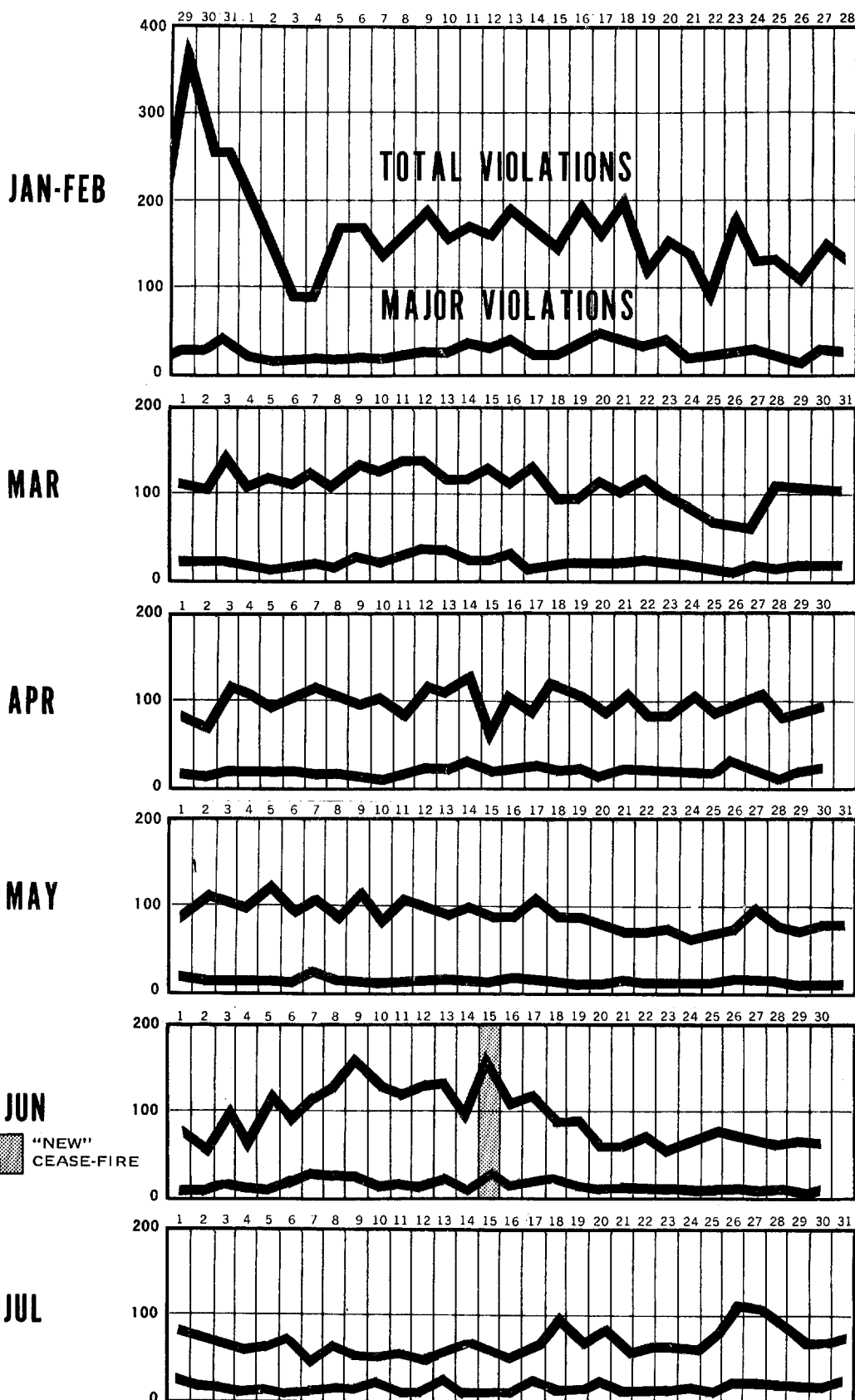
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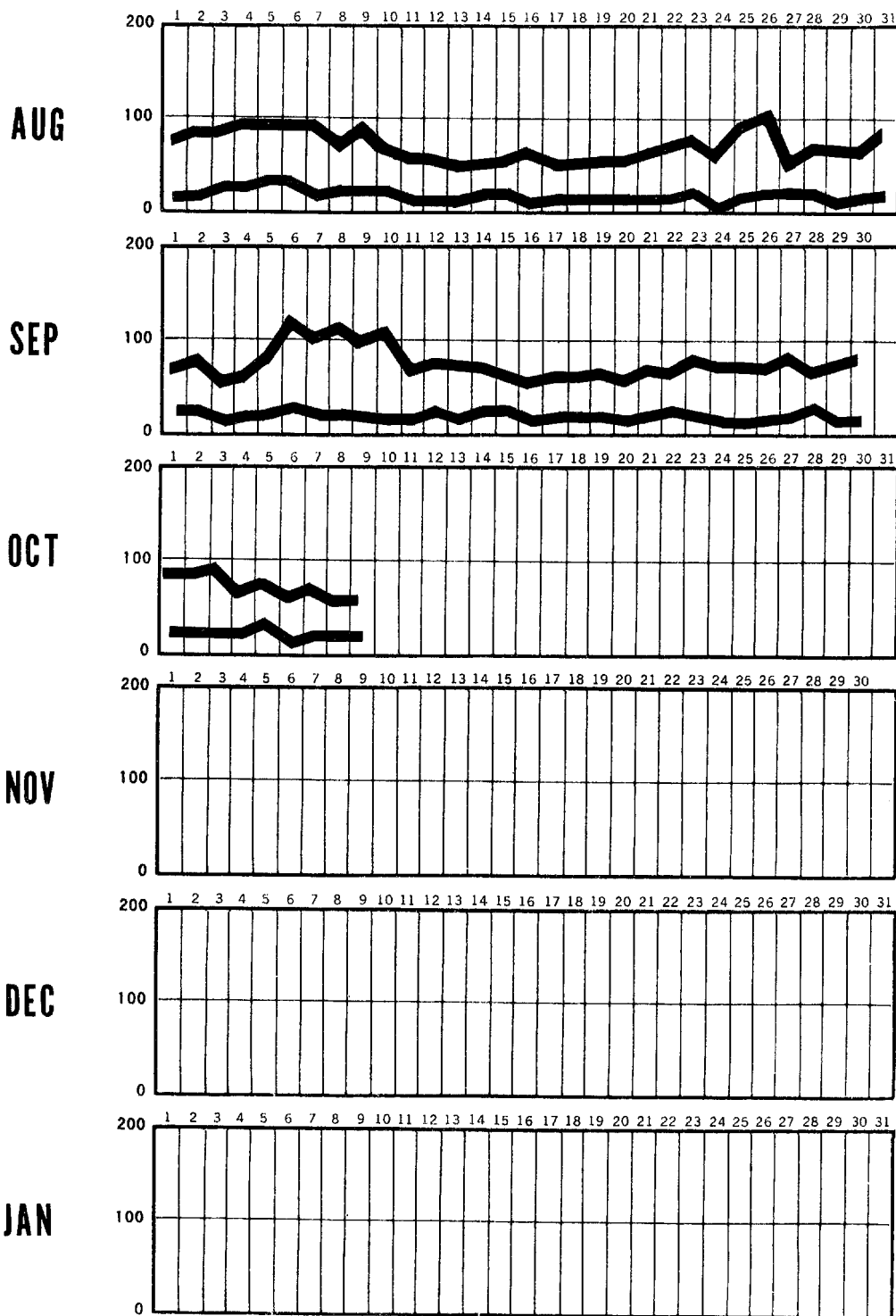


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